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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/930,786
	Filing date	August 15, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Ronald E. Sloan
	Art Unit	3628
	Examiner Name	Nga B. Nguyen
	Attorney Docket Number	60021-375602

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment(s)/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____ and Returned Postcard.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____.

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) – Large entity fee of \$790.
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17).
- iii. ☐ Other _____.
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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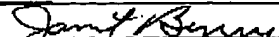
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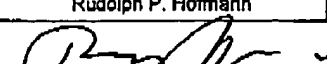
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FEE TRANSMITTAL		<i>Complete if Known</i>	
for FY 2005		Application Number	09/930,786
		Filing Date	August 15, 2001
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		Group Art Unit	3628
Patent fees are subject to annual revision. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Claims Small Entity		Attorney Docket No.:	60021-375602
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT		\$790.00	

METHOD OF PAYMENT				FEE CALCULATION (continued)			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to charge indicated fees or credit				4. ADDITIONAL FEES			
Deposit Acct No. Name:	50-1901 Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP			Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge Any Add'l Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17				1051	2051	95 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
				1052	2052	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
				1053	1053	130 Non-English specification	
				1812	2,520	1812 2,520 Filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
				1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
				1805	1,840*	1805 1840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
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FEE CALCULATION				1252	450	2252 225 Extension for reply within second month	
1. BASIC FILING FEE				1253	1020	2253 510 Extension for reply within third month	
Large Fee	Small Fee	Fee description	Fee Paid	1254	1,590	2254 795 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1000*	500*	Utility filing fee		1255	2,160	2255 1,080 Extension for reply within fifth month	
430*	215*	Design filing fee		1401	500	2401 250 Notice of Appeal	
660*	330*	Plant filing fee		1402	500	2402 250 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1400*	700*	Reissue filing fee		1403	1,000	2403 500 Request for oral hearing	
200	100	Provisional filing fee		1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
SUBTOTAL (1)			\$0.00	1452	500	2452 250 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES				1453	1,300	2453 750 Petition to revive - unintentional	
Extra Claims		Fee	Fee Paid	1501	1,400	2501 700 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
Claims - 20 =		50/25		1502	800	2502 400 Design issue fee	
Ind. - 3 =		200/100		1503	1,100	2503 550 Plant issue fee	
Claims Multiple Dependent		360/180		1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description		1807	130	1807 130 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
50	25	Claims in excess of 20		1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
200	100	Independent claims in excess of 3		8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
360	180	Multiple dependent claim		1809	790	2809 395 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
200	100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent		1810	790	2810 395 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
50	25	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		1801	790	2801 395 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$790.00
SUBTOTAL (2)			\$0.00	1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
3. Application Size Fee (Utility)				Other fee (specify)			
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(a)							
SUBTOTAL (3)			\$0.00	SUBTOTAL (4)			
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